

(a) whether they are aware that the British Cochin Municipality with the help of the Madras Government will be soon launching a very comprehensive scheme of drainage and sewage on up-to-date lines for British Cochin;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to do the same for the town of Mattancheri by co-operating with the British Cochin Municipality and thus effectively solve the sanitary problem of Mattancheri at a lower cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—

(a) No.

(b) The Eraveli Canal scheme now under the consideration of Government is calculated to improve the sanitary condition of the town.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews special*).—May I know, Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member has made any enquiry when this question was answered?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—We had no information about the work that is contemplated in Cochin.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews special*).—When will the Eraveli Scheme be put into operation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The estimate has just been prepared for 2.5 lakhs and it will be submitted to the Government shortly.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews special*).—Does it include flush system also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—No.

Kurumali Bund—Closing of the breaches.

184. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** (*Nellayi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any action was taken by the Government to close the breaches that were caused in the Kurumali Bund in Thottippal Village in Survey Number 339, etc. ;

(2) were there not petitions from the people for the same;

(3) did the Tahsildar of Mukundapuram report to the effect that the existence of these breaches is deplorable and

dangerous and harmful to the Mundakan crops and Virippu crops in after years;

(4) has the Government taken estimates to close the breaches in the Moorkanad bund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—

(1) There were a few breaches of the river varambas along the bank of the Kurumali river and some of these have already been closed by the owners of adjacent lands.

(2) Yes.

(3) The Tahsildar of Mukundapuram brought to the notice of the Diwan Peishkar that there were breaches in the Manali, Kurumali and Karuvannur rivers as a result of the floods of last year.

(4) The estimate is being prepared.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Will these breaches be closed before the next Monsoon period?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—Which breaches, please?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—The breaches notified by the Tahsildar.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—I think the Hon'ble Member is under a misapprehension. These breaches are not in the Kurumali bund but on the river varambas. It has not been maintained by Government up to this time and Government are not going to close them now.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—Are they not Porambokes and has the people the right to close them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—The people are doing that. The owners of adjacent lands are doing the work at their cost.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Has the Government anything to do with the bunds?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—We have not.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Then why did the Tahsildar bring it to the notice of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—He must have made a statement of fact.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).—Every fact is not relevant. Why did he bring it to the notice of the Government, if Government has nothing to do with it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer).—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).—Are they not porambokes where the breaches have taken place?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer).—I want notice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Adur).—Are the Government aware that these breaches will do harm to the adjoining crops?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer).—It is possible that some harm may be done. The practice hitherto has been for the adjacent land owners themselves to close these breaches.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (Adur).—It is answered that an estimate is being prepared. To what does it refer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer).—That refers to a different bund altogether. It refers to the Moor-kanad Bund and it is maintained by Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).—May I know what they have done with the petitions referred to in (2)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer).—I have written to the Diwan Peishkar that these bunds are not being maintained by Government and that the land owners themselves should close those breaches.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (Nellayi).—Have they any right to trespass on poramboke land?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar).—Not in the technical sense. But if they want to repair the breaches we do not classify them as incursions into poramboke lands.

Road connecting Kizhakke Chalakkudi with Pariyaram—condition of.

185. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi.)—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Public Works Department is aware of the hopeless condition of the road connecting Kizhakke Chalakkudi with Pariyaram;